



Docket No. 2552/54954/JPM/AJM/MVM

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Ellen W. Collisson et al.
Serial No.: 09/303,510 Examiner: U. Winkler
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For : NUCLEIC ACID ENCODING FELINE CD86

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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER'S
DECISION TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board from the Final Office Action mailed July 30, 2002 finally rejecting pending claims 48-52 in connection with the above-identified application.

A response to the Office Action was originally due October 30, 2002. Applicants filed an Amendment In Response To July 30, 2002 Final Office Action on October 30, 2002. In addition, applicants filed a Supplemental Amendment and Petition For Three-Month Extension of Time, and paid \$930.00 for a three-month extension of time, on January 28, 2003. The required fee for filing a Notice of Appeal under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b) is THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY DOLLARS (\$320.00) for a large entity and applicants enclose a check for this amount. A response to the July 30, 2002 Final Office Action is now due today, January 30, 2003, and thus, this Notice of Appeal is being timely filed.

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No fee, other than the \$320.00 Notice of Appeal fee, is deemed necessary. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,



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